

THE YELLOW DRAGON.

China's Boy Emperor and His Approaching Marriage.

HOW THE FAIR BRIDE WAS CHOSEN

Hundreds of Manchu Maidens at the Palace for Selection.

THE WEDDING TO COST \$10,000,000

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

PEKING, November 30, 1898.—All Peking is excited to-day over the boy emperor's marriage. The bride was selected a few days ago, and the first official announcement appeared in the Peking Gazette of yesterday.

To-day somewhere near a million Chinese

tongues are wagging in praise of the

cheeks about the new emperor, and the

highly reigned emperor, the Manchurian

mobility are wondering what kind of a

king she is, and are envying both her and

the two sisters who have been chosen to

rank as the highest of the imperial concubines.

The announcement of the Peking Gazette

is official. It comes from the innermost

recesses of the forbidden city, and it is

dictated by the emperor's daughter, the

empress dowager, herself. I have

seen it in the translation which the Chinese

writer of our American Minister has

prepared for the State Department at Wash-

ington. It requires only one page of the Peking

Gazette to print it, and this means a space

not longer nor wider than the back of a long

official envelope. It reads:

"Special edict of the emperor dowager."

"The emperor having reverently suc-

ceeded to his exalted inheritance and in-

creasing day by day in maturity, it is be-

coming that he should be affianced to a

virtuous consort to assist in the administration of

the palace, to control the members of his house-

hold, and to encourage the emperor himself

in his virtuous conduct. The emperor, therefore, I

Na-La, a daughter of Deputy Lieutenant

General Kuei Hsing, whom we have se-

lected for her dignified and virtuous char-

acter, has been chosen to be the empress.

"Further edict."

"Let Ta-Ta-La, aged 15 years, a daughter

of Chang Hsi, formerly vice president of a

board, become the secondary consort of the

emperor, and let Ta-Ta-La, aged 13, also

daughter of Chang Hsi, formerly vice pre-

sident of a board, become imperial concubine

of the second rank."

"Respect this."

This is settled a question which has been

agitating the Chinese court for the past

year, and which has cost the families of the

Manchu nobles millions of trouble, hundreds

of thousands of cash, and an incalculable

amount of bitter dissension. China has

been ruled for more than two centuries

by Manchurians. Peking has its Chinese

city and its tatter city and the emperor is a

full-blooded Manchu. The laws of the court

are such that he shall wed not one but

a Manchurian maiden, and during the

past year the distinguished Manchurian

princesses have been the objects of the

Peking in order that they might be in-

spected by the emperor dowager with a

view to the selection of such as seemed

good for the imperial harem. The first in-

spection was held last spring. The maidens

came by hundreds from Peking and from

other parts of the empire. They were

conveyed in carriages from their homes to

the palace and their delicate frames were

laid out like jelly through the ruts of the

streets of these springless, heavy, box-

like vehicles.

Each girl was dressed in all the extrava-

gant of Chinese costume. Her hair, rich

black and lustrous, was combed out over

a high foot long at the back and there

it stood out for six inches on each side.

Her face, originally of a delicate cream

color, was now a yellowish white, and

her eyes, which were of a deep yellow

color, were surrounded by a yellowish

ring, and her lips, which were of a

pale pink color, were surrounded by a

pale pink ring. The Manchurian girls

are the most beautiful in China, and

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